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Sir:

In response to the communication mailed March 31, 2003 and prior to the examination of the above-referenced application on the merits, please enter the amendment below.

AMENDMENTIn the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0011] with the following paragraph:

[0011] Figure 3 shows various DNA (SEQ ID NOS: 16-20) and amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NOS: 1-4, 15) embodiments of the affinity purification peptides site of the present invention, specifically: (1) a peptide having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:01 and encoded by a nucleic acid having a sequence of SEQ ID NO:16; (2) a peptide having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:15 and encoded by a nucleic acid having a sequence of SEQ ID NO:17; (3) a peptide having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:02 and encoded by a nucleic acid having a sequence of SEQ ID NO:28; (4) a peptide having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:03 and encoded by a nucleic acid having a sequence of SEQ ID NO:19; and a peptide having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:04 and encoded by a nucleic acid having a sequence of SEQ ID NO:20.